

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR)
APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE TRANSPORTATION) PSC DOCKET NO. 13-383
AND BALANCING RIDER AND THE GAS SUPPLIER)
SCHEDULE OF ITS TARIFF)
(FILED OCTOBER 1, 2013))

ORDER No. 8510

FOR ADMISSION AS AN INTERVENOR

AND NOW, this 8th day of January, 2014, pursuant to the authority granted to me in PSC Order No. 8481 dated November 5, 2013, this Hearing Examiner having considered the Petition for Leave to Intervene ("the Petition") filed by the United States Air Force ("USAF"), by Lt. Col. Gregory J. Fike, Esq., on December 18, 2013, and there being no objection thereto filed by any party of record;

NOW, THEREFORE,

1. The Petition is granted.
2. In PSC Order No. 8481, the Commission ordered that the deadline for filing petitions for intervention was December 18, 2013. (See Order, ¶8.)
3. Thus, the USAF's Petition to Intervene was timely filed. No party has opposed the USAF's intervention.
4. In its Petition, the USAF describes its unique interest in this docket as follows:

"Description of Petitioner's Interests.

The proceeding in this docket will examine the transportation and balancing rider and the gas supplier schedule of the tariff of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation. The Air Force (primarily through Dover Air Force Base) is a large commercial customer of Chesapeake Utilities and purchases natural gas services in Chesapeake's service territory. Thus the disposition of this docket will affect the charges incurred by the Air Force to receive natural gas services. Natural gas cost represent one of the largest variable expenses of operating Federal offices, facilities and installations on whose behalf intervention is ought herein. Therefore, the Air Force seeks to protect its substantial interests as they will be affected by the Commission's decision in this proceeding.

Petitioner's Unique Interest.

The Air Force, and specifically Dover Air Force base, is a unique customer with specialized natural gas supply requirements. Other parties would not be able to adequately represent the Air Force interests. Additionally, since utility costs incurred by the Air Force are paid with taxpayer dollars, it is in the public interest to permit representation by the Air Force in this docket."

5. For purposes of considering the merits of the USAF's Petition, I assume as true the representations made in the USAF's Petition. Specifically, the USAF has adequately alleged that it has particularized expertise and experience which may be valuable to the Commission in deciding the issues in this docket. Thus, the USAF has satisfied the intervention requirements of Rule 21 of the Commission's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

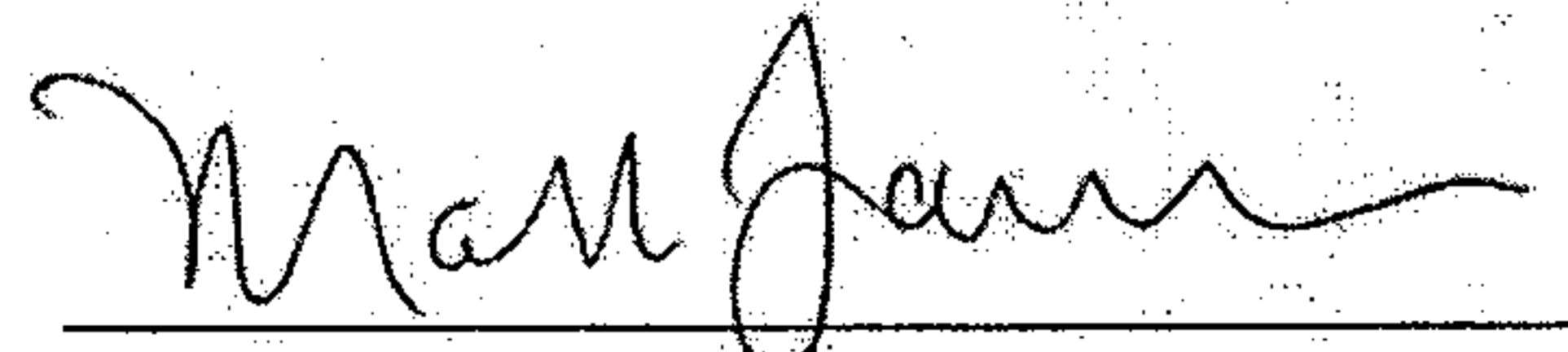
Now, therefore, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. Accordingly, the Petition for Intervention filed by the United States Air Force ("USAF") is **GRANTED**.

2. The USAF shall be added to the Service List for this Docket.

3. In order to conserve tax dollars, I am not requiring the USAF to retain Delaware legal counsel. My action has been approved by management at the Delaware Attorney General's office. After speaking at length with Lt. Col. Gregory J. Fike, Esq., who is an experienced utility attorney, I am confident the USAF will process its claim in a proper and timely manner.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION


Mark Lawrence
Hearing Examiner